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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

1. FOLLOWING IS REVIEW OF MARCH 20 NEWS ARTICLES ON U.N.
AND OTHER EVENTS.

2. MAJOR MEDIA GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO SECURITY COUNCIL
CALL FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON AND
CREATION OF UN PEACE FORCE THERE...BY MONDAY A.M., AP
REPORTED AMBASSADOR HERZOG SAID IN NEW YORK THAT "FIRST
STEPS WERE TAKEN" TO IMPLEMENT SC RESOLUTION AND "TO THE
BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THERE IS A CEASE FIRE" IN SOUTHERN
LEBANON....SOME MEDIA REPORTED ISRAELIS COMPLAINED THAT
RESOLUTION WAS "RAILROADED" THROUGH COUNCIL....NYPOST
REPORTED MARCH 20 THAT ISRAELI OFFICIALS WERE ANGRY AT US
ACTION IN UN, AND ADDED: "WITH CARTER SLATED TO MEET
WITH BEGIN TOMORROW, SOME OBSERVERS ARE CALLING IT THE
WORST SPLIT IN THE 30-YEAR HISTORY OF U.S.-ISRAELI
RELATIONS."....BOSTON GLOBE (WILLIAM BEECHER) SAID
MARCH 20 THAT "SOME COUNTRIES HAVE QUESTIONED THE
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WISDOM OF THE UN MOVING IN TO SEAL OFF A TROUBLED BORDER,
POINTING OUT THAT THE PRECEDENT MIGHT ENCOURAGE, FOR
EXAMPLE, RHODESIA TO INVADE ZAMBIA AND OFFER TO LEAVE
ONLY AFTER THE UNITED NATIONS GUARANTEED TO CLOSE THE
FRONTIER TO GUERRILLA ATTACKS."....WASHPOST NEWS
ANALYSIS MARCH 20 BY DON OBERDORFER SAID "EXTREMELY FAST
FOOTWORK BY THE US, LEBANON AND OTHERS AT THE UN, MATCHED

BY FAST MOVEMENT ON THE GROUND BY ISRAELI TROOPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, LEFT THE IMPRESSION OF A RACE BETWEEN DIPLOMACY AND WAR, BETWEEN NEW YORK AND JERUSALEM, AND BETWEEN A US PRESIDENT AND AN ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER.... THE FAST ACTION IN NEW YORK HAS PLACED THE ISRAELI LEADER IN A DELICATE POSITION CALLING FOR A GREAT POLITICAL SKILL, BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC. ALL THIS HAS MOMENTARILY ECLIPSED SUCH CONTENTIOUS PROBLEMS AS ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED SINAI AND WEST BANK, AND US DECISIONS ON ARMS REQUESTS FROM ISRAEL, EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA. THESE WILL HAVE TO WAIT THEIR TURN.".... ANTHONY LEWIS IN MARCH 20 NYTIMES WROTE: "HATRED IS BEING STORED UP ON BOTH SIDES, PASSING FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. LIKE THE CHILDREN OF BELFAST, THE CHILDREN OF ARABS AND ISRAELIS ARE HAVING THE FOLK MEMORY OF VIOLENCE AND HATE IMPRINTED ON THEM." THE DANGER IN MIDEAST NOW IS "THE TRIUMPH OF FEAR OVER HOPE, OF HATRED OVER HUMANITY, OF EXTREMISM OVER REASON. ARE THERE TRUE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL HERE....WHO WILL SPEAK THE TRUTH TO MENACHEM BEGIN? UNLESS SOMEONE DOES, AND PERSUADES HIM, I THINK HISTORY WILL SEE THIS AS A FATEFUL MOMENT FOR ISRAEL."

3. RHODESIA. A.P.(JOHN EDLIN) REPORTED MARCH 19 FROM SALISBURY THAT "MORE THAN 100,000 BLACKS WAVING CLENCHED FISTS WELCOMED BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA BACK TO RHODESIA" UNCLASSIFIED

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SUNDAY. STORY SAID MUZOREWA RALLY "FELL FAR SHORT OF THE 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE PREDICTED BY ORGANIZERS, BUT IT WAS STILL A POWERFUL SHOW OF HIS BACKING HERE." A.P. SAID MUZOREWA CRITICIZED KAUNDA FOR REJECTING INTERNAL AGREEMENT, VOWED TO WIN ALL 72 BLACK SEATS IN PROPOSED NEW PARLIAMENT, AND PLEDGED NOT TO EXPEL WHITES FROM ZIMBABWE....NYTIMES (JOHN BURNS), ALSO REPORTING MARCH 19 FROM SALISBURY, SAID SOME 150,000 BLACKS ATTENDED RALLY AND GAVE BISHOP A "FRENZIED OVATION." REPORT SAID MUZOREWA IN SPEECH DID NOT REJECT CONFERENCE OF ALL PARTIES IN ZIMBABWE DISPUTE, BUT DECLARED THAT US AND UK "SEEM TO BE SEEKING FOR SOMETHING TO SAVE THE POLITICAL FACE OF THEIR DARLINGS MR. NKOMO AND MR. MUGABE

4. ZAMBIA. NYTIMES (MICHAEL KAUFMAN) REPORTED FROM LUSAKA MARCH 19 THAT ZAMBIA, AFTER DEVALUING ITS CURRENCY BY TEN PERCENT AND ANNOUNCING NEW AUSTERITY MEASURES, "HAS APPARENTLY MET THE TOUGH AND PAINFUL TERMS SET BY THE I.M.F. AS CONDITIONS FOR A 390 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN TO SHORE UP ITS BADLY BUFFETED AND SAGGING ECONOMY."

5. CUBAN TROOPS. A.P. DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON, MARCH 20 SAID: "CUBA'S WIDENING MILITARY ADVENTURES IN AFRICA HAVE CAUSED ONLY LIMITED GRUMBLING AT HOME, ACCORDING TO US INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS WHO SAY HAVANA'S 'ECONOMIC AND OTHER COSTS ARE STILL WELL WITHIN MANAGEABLE LIMITS. ONLY HEAVY CASUALTIES WOULD BE LIKELY TO PRESENT THE CASTRO REGIME WITH A POLITICAL PROBLEM,' SAID A RECENT INTELLIGENCE REPORT."

6. YOUNG. ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION MARCH 19 RAN ARTICLE BY NANCY LEWIS ON AMB. YOUNG. "HE MAY SPEAK MORE DARINGLY THAN VANCE OR BRZEZINKSKI," ARTICLE SAID, "BUT THE POLICIES YOUNG ESPOUSES ARE FIRMLY ROOTED IN ADMINISTRATION POLICY DIRECTIVES WORKED OUT WITH THEM, UNCLASSIFIED

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CARTER AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE."ALSO ON MARCH 19, A.P. MOVED STORY BY SAMUEL KOO WHO WROTE FROM NEW YORK:

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"AFTER A YEAR AS AMERICA'S CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE UN, ANDREW YOUNG BELIEVES HE HAS FORGED A WORKING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND THE THIRD WORLD AND HELPED RESTORE AMERICAN CREDIBILITY AMONG AFRICAN, ASIAN AND LATIN

AMERICAN NATIONS. HIS ASSESSMENT IS WIDELY SHARED BY
DIPLOMATS AND VETERAN UN HANDS." LEONARD

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